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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Patent & Trademark Office</i>	Application Number	09/997,254
	Filing Date	November 27, 2001
	First Named Inventor	William J. Boyle
	Art Unit	3731
	Examiner Name	Truong, Kevin Thao
	Attorney Docket Number	ACS 57086 (2890P)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) _____
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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- ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
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Name (Print / Type)	Thomas H. Majcher	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	31,119
Signature	<i>Thomas H. Majcher</i>	Date	April 7, 2004

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ \$1,190.00)

Complete if Known

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non - English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	420.00
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
Total Claims	-20** = 0 X = 0.00		
Independent Claims	-3** = 0 X = 0.00		
Multiple Dependent	= 0.00		
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description		
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20,	
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)	\$0.00		
Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid	
Total Claims	-20** = 0 X = 0.00		
Independent Claims	-3** = 0 X = 0.00		
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Other fee (specify)			
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Signature	<i>Thomas H. Majcher</i>			Date	April 7, 2004

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